

REMARKS

The present application was filed on November 29, 2003, and claims priority to a parent application filed on March 16, 2000.

In the final Office Action dated May 26, 2005, the Examiner indicated that claims 7 and 8 were allowed, and that claims 5 and 6 contained allowable subject matter.

In this response, Applicants have canceled claims 1-4 without prejudice, and have rewritten claim 5 in independent form. Accordingly, claim 5 is believed to be allowable. Claim 6 depends from claim 5 and thus is also believed to be allowable.

Applicants have also made minor amendments to claims 7 and 8, in order to remove reference numerals, correct typographical errors, and otherwise improve clarity.

In view of the foregoing, all of the pending claims, namely, claims 5-8, are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the amendments and remarks made herein.

Respectfully submitted,



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